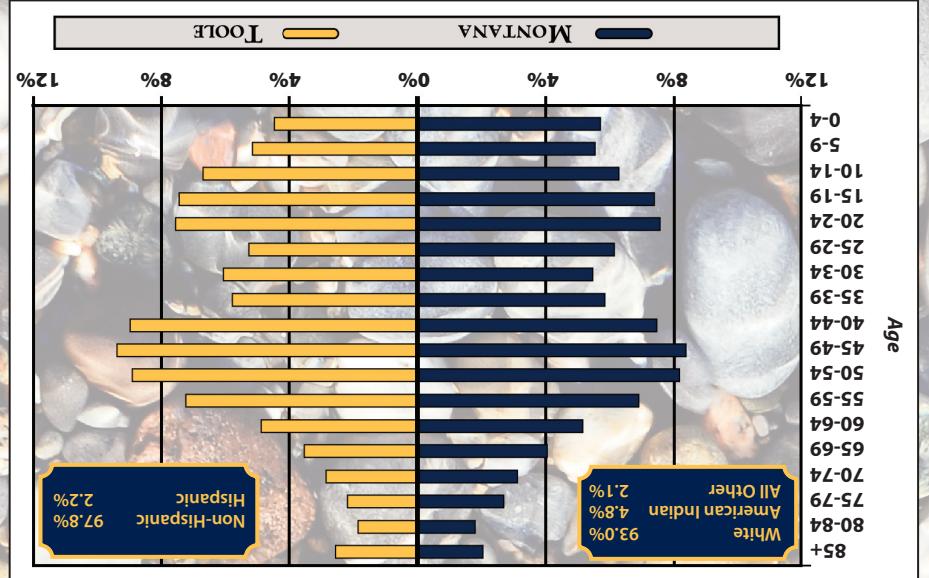


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Bachelor's Degree	13.3%	17.2%	15.5%	
Master's Degree	2.2%	4.6%	5.9%	
Professional Degree	0.9%	1.7%	2.0%	
Doctoral Degree	0.3%	0.9%	1.0%	

Highest Level of Educational Attainment

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Censuses 2000

(Population 25 years and older)



Distribution of Population by Age

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

(Montana and Toole County, 2005)

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Population for Toole County & Related Areas

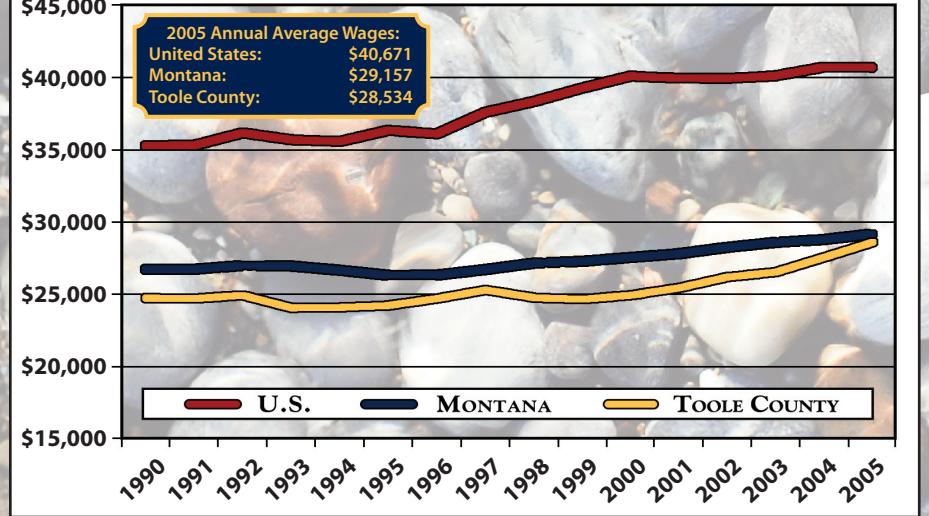
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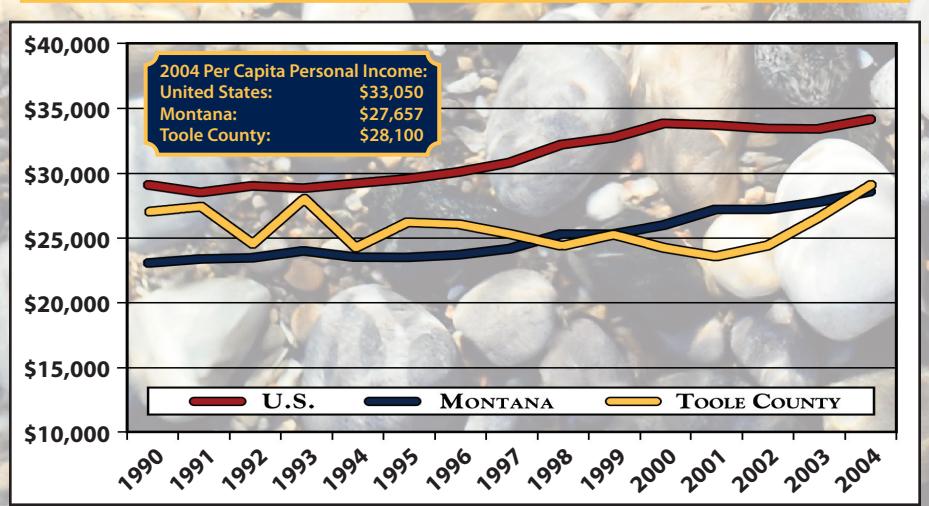
Annual Average Wages- Toole County 1990 to 2005 (In 2005 Dollars)

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)



Per Capita Personal Income - Toole County 1990 to 2004 (In 2005 Dollars)

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System



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Resources for Toole County

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In Shelby, travelers can visit the Matrias Museum of History and Art to learn about the area's history and homesteading, and view its dinosaur collection. For wildlife enthusiasts, the nearby Sweet Grass Hills offer ample opportunities to view deer, antelope, elk, foxes, golden eagles, and grouse. North of Shelby, Lake Shoshone offers camping and outdoor recreation.

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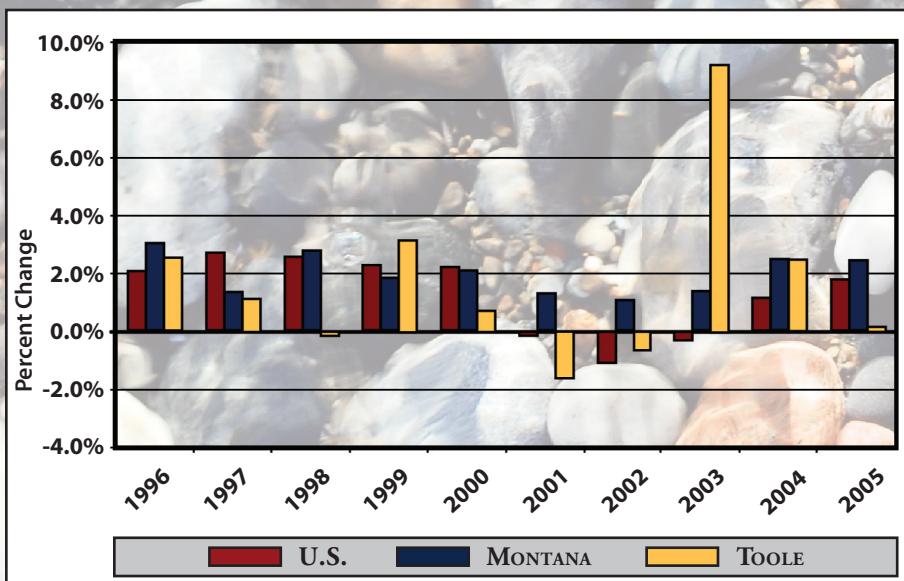
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Percent Change in Employment: 1996 to 2005 U.S., Montana, and Toole County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Agricultural Statistics - Toole County

Farms	
Farms: (number)	405
Land in farms (acres)	1,087,797
Average size of farms (acres)	2,686
Farms by size: (number)	
Less than 1,000 acres	152
1,000 acres or more	253
Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)	
Less than \$100,000	299
\$100,000 or more	106
Farms by type of organization: (number)	
Family, Individual, Partnership	303
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	102

Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested

Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)	
Cattle and calves	13,645
Hogs and pigs	15,048
Sheep and lambs	1,774
Horses and ponies	1,712
Bison	0
Chickens (layers and broilers)	27,176
Crops Harvested (acres)	
Corn for grain	0
Corn for silage or greenchop	0
Wheat for grain, All	247,135
Winter wheat for grain	2,083
Durum wheat for grain	7,158
Spring wheat for grain	237,894
Barley for grain	50,077
Oats for grain	387
Sunflower seed, All	0
Soybeans for beans	(D)
Hay, haylage, grass silage	25,123

Operator Demographics

Primary occupation: (number)	
Farming	284
Other	121
Place of residence: (number)	
On farm operated	264
Not on farm operated	141
Years on present farm: (number)	
Less than 10 years	91
10 years or more	314
Age group: (number)	
Under 55 years	208
55 years and over	197
Average age of operators: (number)	56.5

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002

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Top 10 Private Employers in Toole County (Based on 3rd Quarter 2006 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Albertson's	4	First State Bank	4
CCA Correctional Facility	6	Fritz A UPS Company	4
Comfort Inn of Shelby	4	Marias Healthcare	4
Country Skillet	4	Pamida	4
Dick Irvin Inc.	4	Town Pump Travel Plaza	4

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2005 - Toole County

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	246	2067	\$28,538
TOTAL PRIVATE	208	1382	\$26,143
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	2	*	*
MINING	26	165	\$34,663
Oil and gas extraction	19	91	\$30,759
Support activities for mining	7	74	\$39,455
UTILITIES	3	*	*
CONSTRUCTION	11	32	\$21,685
Construction of buildings	4	*	*
Heavy and civil engineering construction	1	*	*
Specialty trade contractors	6	16	\$30,446
MANUFACTURING	2	*	*
Food manufacturing	1	*	*
Nonmetallic mineral product mfg	1	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	15	118	\$29,627
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	1	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	14	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	25	196	\$18,612
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	4	19	\$23,835
Building material & garden supply stores	4	20	\$17,734
Food and beverage stores	2	*	*
Health and personal care stores	1	*	*
Gasoline stations	4	34	\$16,577
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	2	*	*
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	2	*	*
General merchandise stores	1	*	*
Miscellaneous store retailers	4	27	\$10,620
Nonstore retailers	1	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	18	174	\$33,865
Truck transportation	6	*	*
Pipeline transportation	1	*	*
Support activities for transportation	10	110	\$28,401
Warehousing and storage	1	*	*
INFORMATION	6	54	\$26,363
Publishing industries, except Internet	2	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	1	*	*

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Telecommunications	2	*	*
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	8	57	\$33,278
Credit intermediation & related activity	4	39	\$35,800
Insurance carriers & related activities	4	18	\$27,705
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	4	8	\$22,852
Real estate	2	*	*
Rental and leasing services	2	*	*
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	18	43	\$25,623
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	4	*	*
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	18	65	\$32,205
Ambulatory health care services	14	53	\$35,109
Nursing and residential care facilities	1	*	*
Social assistance	3	*	*
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	6	60	\$25,434
Performing arts and spectator sports	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	5	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	26	154	\$11,537
Accommodation	3	31	\$8,218
Food services and drinking places	23	123	\$12,379
OTHER SERVICES	16	29	\$13,414
Repair and maintenance	5	7	\$22,450
Personal and laundry services	1	*	*
Membership associations & organizations	9	19	\$8,736
Private households	1	*	*
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	38	685	\$33,368
Local Government	14	503	\$23,101
State Government	11	36	\$33,762
Federal Government	13	147	\$68,449

The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Annual Average Labor Force - Toole County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2005	2,579	2,495	84	3.3%
2004	2,598	2,513	85	3.3%
2003	2,540	2,454	86	3.4%
2002	2,355	2,271	84	3.6%
2001	2,375	2,290	85	3.6%
2000	2,528	2,426	102	4.0%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)